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Open your mind to a fresh perspective on global market trends and innovation so you can anticipate what's next, seize untapped opportunities and gain a holistic understanding of our market's dynamics.

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Introduction

When you think of prepaid, you probably think of low-value segments, like low-income customers, students and tourists, right?

But the landscape is changing. Increasingly, prepaid is assuming a more dominant role in our ecosystem as its focus shifts toward higher-value segments. Some might want greater control over their spending. Others might be in the process of relocating. Many of course are simply battling the cost of living.

The current economic environment is also increasing demand for new, high-value offerings with features like 5G connectivity, OTT streaming and access to premium devices, all of which were once the sole domain of postpaid plans.

So in effect, we're seeing a blurring of lines between prepaid and postpaid, making prepaid an increasingly compelling choice for a wide array of consumers.

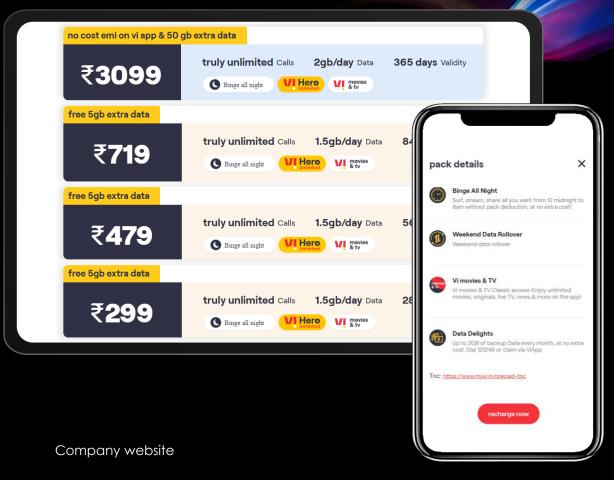
As prepaid evolves, several strategic directions offer both immediate and long-term benefits to CSPs. Let's explore them and see how various innovative providers are making their mark.





Vi India

Economical Prepaid Plans with a Long-time Validity Period



Helping Consumers Ride the Wave of Higher Living Costs

As economic pressures mount, prepaid offers a lifeline to those feeling the crunch of increasing interest rates, higher prices and more. Some CSPs are stepping in with extended prepaid validity options, for three months, six months, or even up to a year. In return for offering subscribers with peace of mind, CSPs gain more stable revenue streams through increased customer stickiness and reduced churn.

Take Vi India for example, who offers different validity options spanning from 28 days, 58 days, 84 days and up to a year. They also offer a "binge all night" benefit, allowing subscribers free surfing and streaming from midnight until 6 am.

It's a win-win for consumers and CSPs alike, providing stability in an otherwise fluctuating market.





What is Partial Renewal? It's a way for you to continue enjoying your Vivo Pré, even with few credits. Imagine that you signed up for a Vivo Turbo promotion and, on the day it was to be renewed, you don't have enough credits. Instead of losing benefits, you will have your Vivo Turbo renewed for a range proportional to your balance. No more daily fees! PROMOÇÃO ATIVA 4GB por R\$ 15,00/15 dias SALDO NO FIM DO DIA: R\$ 0,50

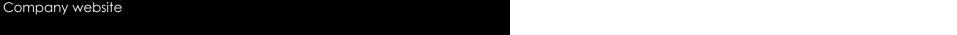
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The Partial Payment Option

Partial payments is another attractive benefit for those struggling from rising costs, giving subscribers the option to top-up with whatever they can afford when recharge date arrives – without the worry of forfeiting their plan or looking for an alternative provider. By providing these capabilities, CSPs allow their customers to remain connected even during tough times, removing the temptation to seek cheaper alternatives. And in return, by increasing customer satisfaction, CSPs enjoy increased loyalty, churn reduction and improved revenue assurance.

Vivo Brazil is one CSP offering this service. If a subscriber opts to make a partial payment, Vivo simply adjusts the data allowance and the validity period to match the amount paid.

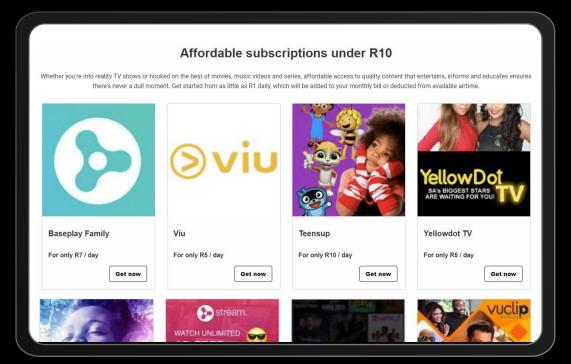






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Affordable Streaming Packages

Traditionally, if you didn't have postpaid, streaming subscriptions were simply off limits. Affordable entertainment bundles in the prepaid segment therefore represent somewhat unchartered territory for CSPs. Challenges lie in reconciling payment mechanisms of prepaid plans with the streaming subscription models of streaming services, as well as ensuring both revenue generation and affordability.

Vodacom South Africa addresses the challenge by offering one-day prepaid access to streaming services, allowing subscribers to enjoy their favorite episodes while maintaining control over their costs and balance.

This model not only "democratizes" streaming services by making them accessible to a wider audience, but it also offers a level of flexibility rarely seen in traditional pricing plans. For example, customers can switch streaming platforms every day, and enjoy a variety of choices without making long-term commitments. This also increases customer satisfaction and loyalty, while exposing CSPs to a segment that was previously inaccessible.



Conclusion:

The prepaid segment is undoubtedly set to play a pivotal role in reshaping industry trends, consumer choices and business strategies. Indeed, it represents a strategic realignment that is diversifying the customer base and prompting CSPs to see prepaid as an additional reliable, long-term revenue stream.

Innovative offerings such as extended validity options, partial payment flexibility and one-day streaming access are only examples of ways innovative providers are rethinking the value proposition of this exciting domain.

Far beyond customer retention, these initiatives hold immense potential for enhancing the overall customer experience, while at the same time, diversifying revenue streams and fostering long-term relationships.

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